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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Fees for Sanitation Inspections of Cruise Ships

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces fees for vessel sanitation inspections for fiscal year 2001: October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Background

The fee schedule for sanitation inspections of passenger cruise ships currently inspected under the Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) was first published in the **Federal Register** (52 FR 45019) on November 24, 1987, and CDC began collecting fees on March 1, 1988. Since then, CDC has published the fee schedule annually. This notice announces fees effective October 1, 2000.

The formula used to determine the fees is as follows:

$$\text{Average cost per inspection} = \frac{\text{Total Cost of VSP}}{\text{Weighted No. of Annual Inspections}}$$

The average cost per inspection is multiplied by a size/cost factor to determine the fee for vessels in each size category. The size/cost factor was established in the proposed fee schedule published in the **Federal Register** (52 FR 27060) on July 17, 1987, and revised in a schedule published in the **Federal Register** (54 FR 48942) on November 28, 1989. The revised size/cost factor is presented in Appendix A.

Fee

The fee schedule is presented in Appendix A and will be effective October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001. This fee schedule represents a 7% increase over the current fee schedule which became effective October 1, 1997. The increase is primarily due to substantial increases in the cost of air transportation and personnel. If travel expenses continue to increase, it may be necessary to readjust the fees before September 30, 2001, since travel constitutes a sizable portion of the program's costs. If such a readjustment in the fee schedule is necessary, a notice will be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before the effective date.

Applicability

The fees will be applicable to all passenger cruise vessels for which inspections are conducted as part of CDC's VSP.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

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APPENDIX A.—SIZE/COST FACTOR

Vessel size	GRT ¹	Average cost X
Extra Small	< 3,001	0.25
Small	3,001–15,000	0.50
Medium	15,001–30,000	1.00
Large	30,001–60,000	1.50
Extra Large	60,000	2.00

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Vessel size	GRT ¹	Fee (\$US)
Extra Small	< 3,001	1,150
Small	3,001–15,000	2,300
Medium	15,001–30,000	4,600
Large	30,001–60,000	6,900
Extra Large	60,000	9,200

¹GRT-Gross Register Tonnage in cubic feet, as shown in Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Inspections and re-inspections involve the same procedure, require the same amount of time, and are, therefore, charged at the same rate.

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 97N-0436]

Food and Drug Administration Final Study Report; Feasibility of Appropriate Methods of Informing Customers of the Contents of Bottled Water

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is publishing its final study report on the feasibility of appropriate methods of informing customers of the contents of bottled water, as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Amendments. This final feasibility study report evaluates and identifies appropriate methods that may be feasible for conveying information about bottled water to customers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On August 6, 1996, the President signed into law the SDWA Amendments (Public Law 104-182). Under the Public Notification section of the SDWA Amendments (section 114), the